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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 385  
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A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Grady F. Terrell, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Grady F. Terrell, Jr., a former resident of Millington, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell attended Father Bertrand High School and later Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, He moved to St. Petersburg, Florida thirty-two years ago as one of the few African American executives then employed by Gulf Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, The enterprising Mr. Terrell went into business for himself, founding Gro-Pat Corporation; he also graduated from the General Motors Dealer Development Program in Pontiac, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, he founded Terrell Oil Company and worked assiduously in that concern until his retirement in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Grady Terrell was extraordinarily diligent in, and dedicated to, improving his community, and worked with purpose and conviction as a leader of several Tampa/St.

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Petersburg organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, The Ambassador's Club, having been named this year's President-Elect, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, The Coalition of African American Leadership, and American Blacks in Energy; he was also a member of the State of Florida Human Resources Services Department Board of Directors, valuable Governor Bob Graham's Advisory Council, and the Kiwanis Club, and served as Coach of the Lakewood Jr. Spartans football team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell was a strong Christian, who started his journey with Christ as a member of the New Beginnings Community Church; his rededication began when he was baptized at the Christ Gospel Church, where he became a new creature in Christ; and

WHEREAS, He was married to his college sweetheart, Patricia, and their blessed union produced four successful children, Grady Farris III and his wife Debbie; Patrick and his wife, Elizabeth; John Houston, and Kimberly and her husband, Duple; and their grandchildren, Kelleen, Sebastian and Veronica; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate the bountiful life of Grady F. Terrell, Jr.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Grady F. Terrell, Jr. and express our sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.